

MTA-6013

3 September 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report -- Tel Aviv Bureau -- August 1986

I. GENERAL

1. New Deputy Chief of Mission Arthur Hughes arrived at post 7 August. Mr Hughes paid a 2-hour familiarization visit to the bureau on the 27th. The bureau chief gave the new DCM a tour of the premises and introduced him to bureau personnel.

2. The new DCM called a meeting on 29 August to discuss possible duplication of effort by mission sections involved in translation work. Representatives from USIS, the Political Section, the Defense Attache's Office (DAO), and the bureau attended the meeting, chaired by the DCM. The general conclusion reached by the participants was that very little duplication of effort takes place, but all sections agreed that increased coordination was possible.

3. Taking advantage of this forum, the bureau suggested that embassy consumers review the current LSL and revalidate or revise their requirements. The bureau also proposed that the embassy examine the current system of disseminating FBIS material to embassy consumers. According to the current system, all non-Tel Aviv bureau FBIS traffic destined for the embassy is filed using Tel Aviv bureau's router and the embassy's PLA, a system devised when Tel Aviv bureau was located in the embassy. Tel Aviv bureau currently sorts the material for the embassy and hand-carries it over once a day. The bureau suggested that the embassy might wish to transfer this responsibility to the embassy CPU. At the DCM's request, the bureau communications section is calculating the wordage involved. Also taking advantage of the opportunity, Howard Lane, the head of USIS' Tel Aviv office, expressed the strong desire to receive the bureau's output on a real-time basis -- as opposed to once a day. The DAO also expressed interest in receiving the bureau file. The bureau and the embassy are currently looking into a ponyline extension for USIS.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Cruising Monitor [] has begun a systematic survey STAT of the Arabic press agencies monitorable at Tel Aviv bureau. Since the start of the survey, [] has determined that the following Arabic press STAT agencies can be printed with good reception at the bureau: Manama WAKH, Cairo MENA, Baghdad INA, Riyadh IINA, Damascus SANA, Tripoli JANA, and Kuwait KUNA.

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A. Monitorial/Editorial (cont'd)

2. The Turkish Section covered the Istanbul Dailies CUMHURIYET and HURRIYET from 30 July to 14 August, to allow Nicosia bureau's new press monitor to settle in.

B. Communications

ADD's "Bachtest" materials, containing Bach version 1.2 and a package of test messages and documentation, were received by the bureau on 4 August via PanAm's Worldpak air express service. The bureau commo section successfully filed the Bach test message series on the 5th. The revised Bach header-generation software was an instant success in the Communications Section: all operators report that Bach reduces significantly the time required to clear an item; the most complex header can now be generated quickly and effortlessly.

C. Lateral Services

Lt Cdr Richard Smith, DAO, called on 21 August to request that bureau translate/transcribe two items carried by Jerusalem Domestic Service that day on the search for the Daqar submarine, lost by the Israeli Navy in 1968 off the coast of Egypt. Smith expressed interest in Israeli media coverage of the search.

D. Technical

Bureau technicians have installed a second high-gain antenna on the roof of the bureau building. The antenna is specifically tuned and oriented to receive Cairo TV second program transmissions on channel E10. As a result, the bureau is now able to pick up Cairo TV's second program intermittently.

Bureau has experienced periodic, extended trouble with the York air conditioning unit used by the bureau during hours when the main building system is not operating -- after 1900 and all day on Saturdays. The unit has failed intermittently and the York technicians have been unable to identify the problem. In addition, nearby residents recently submitted an official complaint stating that the unit generated excessive noise. York technicians claim to have identified and eliminated the source of the noise.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] was promoted to GS-10/1 effective 3 August. STAT
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2. Teletypist [] has informed the bureau that she plans to enter university in early November. The Bureau has identified a promising candidate to replace her from among the three runners-up for the previous vacancy in February. The embassy has begun preliminary processing work.

B. Other

The bureau received and distributed "SOS Shrill Alarms," hand-held sonic protection devices pouched to the bureau by the FBIS security officer following his June visit. Those bureau personnel not deafened in the initial testing of the devices reportedly feel much safer now.

IV. VISITS

The A/NIO for the Near East paid a visit 18 August for a general briefing on bureau operations.



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Chief, FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau

cc: JN, NC

Attachments: a. Production Report
b. Communications Report

Tel Aviv Bureau Production Report for August 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	182780
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	58390
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	598

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7403.00 min.	840.00 min.	59.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

Clandestine Bayrak Radio in Turkish	6530
Clandestine Bayrak Radio in English	570
Clandestine Free Voice of Iran in Persian	590
Clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian	680
Clandestine Our Radio in Turkish	1320
Clandestine Voice of Turkish Communist party in Turkish	3430
Clandestine Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian	200

CYPRUS

Nicosia ANATOLIA in Turkish	0
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GREECE

Athens in English to South Africa	0
Athens in English to Australia	0

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	47990
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	12860		
Jerusalem Television Service in Hebrew	15780		
Jerusalem Television Service in Arabic	3370		
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	13290		
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in Arabic			2890
Jerusalem AL-FAJR in English			600
Jerusalem AL-MITHAQ in Arabic			530
Jerusalem AL-NAHAR in Arabic			770
Jerusalem AL-QUDS in Arabic			4500
Jerusalem AL-SHA'B in Arabic			920
Jerusalem AL-TALI'AH Arabic			340
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Spanish			0
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English			0
Jerusalem THE JERUSALEM POST in English			13920
Tel Aviv KOTERET RASHIT in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew			1480
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in Hebrew			1350
Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew			3890
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew			9630
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in Hebrew			0
Tel Aviv HADASHOT in Hebrew			4750
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in Hebrew			480
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in Hebrew			6730
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew			4000

SOVIET UNION

Moscow Radio Peace and Progress in

520

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Moscow in Turkish	0		
Moscow in Dari	400		
 TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in Turkish	10340		
Ankara ANATOLIA in Turkish		930	
Ankara ANATOLIA in English		6650	
Ankara ANATOLIA in French		0	
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in Turkish			340
Istanbul HURRIYET in Turkish			210
 UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	0		

TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR AUGUST 19 86 ATTACHMENT B

1. TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 182,780 (251,120)
 TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 58,390 (51,350)
 DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED 7,780 (9,757)
 HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 12,630 on 11 August 1986
 LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 2,140 on 30 August 1986

2. OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 10 HOURS, 2.0 PERCENT.
 OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 10 HOURS, 2.0 PERCENT.
 OUTAGES:

1 August - Local satellite problem	
3 August - Local satellite problem	
4 August - [] and [] technical problems	STAT
5 August - [] machinery problem	
7 August - Problems at []	STAT
17 August - Service work - rewiring at []	STAT

3. WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 2,190

NB. Figures from preceding month in Parentheses.